"EXHIBIT A" INDEX OF MATTERS BEING FILED

1) ALL EXECUTED PROCESS

i. Notice of Service of Process on Corporation Service Company on behalf of Hilton Management LLC (incorrectly named Hilton Worldwide Inc. d/b/a Hilton Hotel Post Oak and d/b/a Doubletree Hotel Post Oak)

2) <u>ALL PLEADINGS AND ANSWERS TO PLEADINGS</u>

- i. Plaintiff's Original Petition
- ii. Plaintiff's First Amended Petition
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3) <u>ALL ORDERS SIGNED BY THE STATE JU</u>DGE

- i. No Orders were rendered
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- 5) <u>LIST OF ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD, INCLUDING ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE</u> NUMBERS AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

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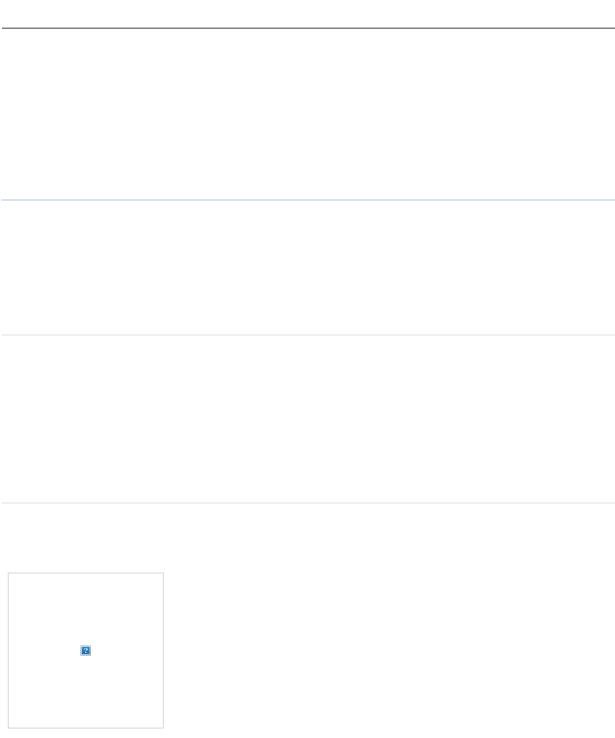
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Title of Action: Juliet Obianuju Nwameme vs. Hilton Worldwide Inc d/b/a Hilton Hotel Post Oak and a/b/a Doubletree Hotel Post Oak

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Court/Agency: Harris County District Court, Texas

Case/Reference No: 2019-11729
Jurisdiction Served: Texas
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CITATION CORPORATE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris
TO: HILTON WORLDWIDE INC (D/B/A HILTON HOTEL POST OAK) (D/B/A DOUBLE TREE HOTEL POST OAK) (CORPORATION) BY SERVING ITS REGISTERED AGENT UNITED STATES CORP SYSTEM
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This instrument was filed on the 15th day of February , 20 19, in the
above cited cause number and court. The instrument attached describes the claim against you.
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED; you may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.
TO OFFICER SERVING:
This Citation was issued under my hand and seal of said Court, at Houston, Texas, this <u>18th</u> day of February . 20 19
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CAUSE NO		
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d/b/a HILTON HOTEL POST OAK and	*	
a/b/a DOUBLETREE HOTEL POST OAK	*	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

(ATTACHED: REQUEST FOR RULE 194 DISCLOSURE, FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSION AND FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION)

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Plaintiff, Juliet Obianuju Nwameme, hereby complains of Hilton Worldwide, Inc. d/b/a Hilton Hotel Post Oak d/b/a Doubletree Hotel Post Oak, Defendant herein, and for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Juliet Obianuju Nwameme, is a resident of Fort Bend County, Texas and can be contacted care of attorney of record at Plaintiffs' Counsel's address at 9301 Southwest Freeway, Suite 250, Houston, Harris County, Texas.
- 2. Defendant, Hilton Worldwide, Inc. d/b/a Hilton Hotel Post Oak d/b/a Doubletree Hotel Post Oak, is a corporation doing business in Harris County, Texas wherein the cause of action arose and can be served by serving its Registered Agent: United States Corp. System, whose address is 211 East 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701 or at any address Defendant's agents/principals/ or officers may be found.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

3. Defendant's lack of reasonable care in its operation of its (Houston) Hilton Post Oak Hotel hospitality business on or about April 14, 2018 wherein its employee poured a container of hot coffee on the seated invitee Plaintiff wedding guest, causing plaintiff grave injuries. Venue is proper in Harris County and this Court has Jurisdiction since the amount of damages sought is within the jurisdictional limit of this Court

DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN-LEVEL 2

4. Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under Level 2 of Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

RULE 194 DISCLOSURE REQUEST

5. Pursuant to Rule 194 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant is requested to disclose, within 50 days of service of this request, the information or materials described in Rule 194.2 (including all Insurance Coverage and Incident Report completed by Defendant's employee and/or agent on this incident).

FACTS

- 6. Defendant, Hilton Worldwide, Inc. d/b/a Hilton Hotel Post Oak d/b/a Doubletree Hotel Post Oak, is believed to be the owner and operator of the Hilton Hotel Post Oak located at 2001 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas 77056. Defendant advertised and invited the public to come to its Hilton Hotel Post Oak for its economic benefit. On or about April 14, 2018, Plaintiff was invited to attend a wedding anniversary that will be catered for at and by Hilton Hotel Post Oak.
- 7. Plaintiff, as an Invitee, was directed to the designated Reception Hall by Defendant's Staff and duly sat in the arranged banquet table with other wedding guests.
- 8. While Plaintiff was seated at the wedding reception, a Hilton Hotel Post Oak

Plaintiff's injuries that required medical care and intervention described in preceding paragraphs.

- Defendant's Waiter's conscious indifference to the safety of the guests/invitees seated at this wedding reception proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries for which exemplary damages are applicable.
- 16. Defendant failed to properly train and/or supervise its employee waiter involved in the incident that injured Plaintiff.
- 17. Defendant is responsible for the unreasonable and wanton conduct of its waiteremployee for which Defendant should be held liable since it occurred during the scope of the employee's duty in furtherance of Defendant's economic enterprise.
- 18. Defendant should be held liable to the Plaintiff and to the extent that Defendant is deemed reckless and wantonly in disregard of its Invitee's safety, punitive damages are requested for its reckless or intentional disregard of its Invitee's safety.

DAMAGES

Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct and breach of duty owed Plaintiff (an Invitee) to its Hilton Hotel. Plaintiff seeks recovery of its incurred and paid medicals, pain, suffering and disfigurement (among all the damages accruing from this incident). Plaintiff seeks damages exceeding the minimum jurisdictional limit amount in this Court and any other damages that Plaintiff may be deemed entitled for Defendant's unreasonable (negligent and/or reckless) conduct plus punitive damages.

TRCP 193.7 NOTICE

Please take notice that Plaintiff intends to use documents produced by Defendant (in this cause in response to discovery requests) against the producing party without the necessity of authentication pursuant to Rule 193.7 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

JURY REQUEST

21. Plaintiff requests the trial of this case by a jury of her peers.

PRAYER

Plaintiff prays that Defendant, be cited to answer this Original Petition and any amendment thereto and that Plaintiff have judgment against Defendant for the following:

- a. past, present and future medical expenses,
- b. loss of earning capacity, if any;
- c. impairment and disfigurement;
- d. past, present and future emotional distress, pain and suffering;
- e. Unreimbursed expenses related to this incident;
- f. Losses, of any kind, related to the injury at bar, and
- g. All cost of Court and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled at law or in equity, including punitive damages.

Respectfully submitted, LAW OFFICE OF PATRICK CHUKELU

By: /s/Pat ('hukelu Patrick O. Chukelu, Esq. T.B.A. 04241090 9301 S.W. Freeway # 250 Houston, TX 77074 Tel: (713) 270-5533

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<u>DISCOVERY REQUESTS: Rule 194 Disclosure Requests; Requests For Admission; and Requests for production</u>

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REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE FROM DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 194

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- Admit that Plaintiff was a customer or invitee at your Hilton Hotel when she was injured on on April 14, 2018
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- 8. Admit liability for this incident that injured Plaintiff.
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VS. * HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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HILTON WORLDWIDE, INC.

d/b/a HILTON HOTEL POST OAK and a/b/a DOUBLETREE HOTEL POST OAK

HILTON MANAGEMENT LLC * 80th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FIRST AMENDED PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND HED. DECLIEST FOR DALLE 104 DISCLOSURE, EIRST DECL

(ATTACHED: REQUEST FOR RULE 194 DISCLOSURE, FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSION AND FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION)

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Plaintiff, Juliet Obianuju Nwameme, hereby amends her Complaint and Original Petition against. Hilton Worldwide, Inc. d/b/a Hilton Hotel Post Oak d/b/a Doubletree Hotel Post Oak (who were improperly named) and hereby corrects in this amendment the Defendant before the Court to reflect as "Hilton Management LLC", sole Defendant herein, and for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following:

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corrects the misnomer in the prior served Original Petition.

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guests.

- 8. While Plaintiff was seated at the wedding reception, a Hilton Hotel Post Oak waiter was unconsciously indifferent to the fact that he was carrying a tray of hot coffee, which fell on top of the seated Plaintiff from her head down to the rest of her body. Burned Plaintiff screamed and reacted to the hot liquid burning her flesh. Plaintiff squirmed, hit her head on something (believed to be the table) as she forcefully fell to the floor in reaction to the burn trauma. Several guests that saw what happened came to her rescue.
- 9. Ambulance was called to the scene by guests who helped Plaintiff to the restroom to administer burn, pain and trauma intervention pending the arrival of paramedics. Plaintiff's elegant wedding clothes were torn-up with scissors in the ensuing intervention at the scene. Plaintiff also lost her wedding ring in the chaos.
- 10. Plaintiff was taken by Ambulance for further treatment at Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. Plaintiff sought further treatment for her burns, impaired vision, pain management and counseling (among others).
- 11. Plaintiff continues to have pains and related medical issues and has permanent injuries, including impaired vision and scar from the injury suffered at the Hilton Hotel facility.
- 12. Plaintiff expects future medicals for her continuing pain and suffering. Plaintiff suffered disfigurement and impairment from this incident.

NEGLIGENCE AND/OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE ACTION

- 13. Defendant has a duty to not only warn but to protect invitees like the Plaintiff from dangerous condition on its premises. Defendant failed to warn or protect the Plaintiff, which proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries at bar. Defendant knew or should have known of the unreasonably dangerous condition (hot liquid in a room filled with seated guests) at its premises prior to Plaintiff's injury.
 - 14. Defendant's Waiter failed to use reasonable care (a duty owed guests) when

carrying hot liquid in a guest-filled banquet hall of a wedding reception. This failure proximately caused the hot coffee to be emptied on the seated Plaintiff, thereby causing Plaintiff's injuries that required medical care and intervention described in preceding paragraphs.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on March 28, 2019, I e-served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition along with the attached Discovery Requests on counsel of record for the Defendant (**Gina A. Lucero of Lucero & Wollam, PLLC, glucero@lucerowollam.com**) in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and pursuant to the Parties' Rule 11 Agreement that the properly named Defendant be served by email through Attorney Lucero).

/s/ Patrick Chukelu

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DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND JURY DEMAND

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE COURT:

Defendant, HILTON MANAGEMENT, LLC, files this Original Answer to the Plaintiff's First Amended Petition and would respectfully show the Court the following:

GENERAL DENIAL

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant generally denies all allegations contained in the *Plaintiff's First Amended Petition*, and in any amended or supplemental petitions which may be filed by Plaintiff after this date, and respectfully requests that Plaintiff be required to prove her allegations against Defendant by a preponderance of the evidence.
- 2. Defendant respectfully reserves the right to file an amended answer in this cause in the manner authorized by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

RIGHT TO CREDIT/PROPORTIONATE RESPONSIBILITY

3. Answering further, without waiving the foregoing, Defendant asserts entitlement to reduce the amount of damages to be recovered by the claimant to the fullest extent allowed by Chapters 32 and 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and Defendant asserts its right to have each claimant, settling person and responsible third party submitted to the jury to determine percentages of responsibility for those causing or contributing to the damages sought.

DEFENSES TO ECONOMIC DAMAGES

- 4. Answering further, without waiving the foregoing, Defendant asserts all provisions of Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and all of its appropriate subsections which limit the amount of exemplary damages which may be awarded, if claimed, and limits recovery of medical expenses to the amount actually paid by or on behalf of the Plaintiff. Section 41.0105 not only limits the Plaintiff's recovery but also precludes evidence of expenses that neither the Plaintiff nor anyone acting on her behalf paid or are actually liable for paying. *Aaron Glenn Haygood v. Margarita Garza De Escabedo*, Dkt. 09-0377, (Tex. July 1, 2011), *affirming De Escabedo v. Haygood*, 283 S.W.3d 3 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2009).
- 5. Answering further, without waiving the foregoing, Defendant asserts the limitation on recovery set forth in Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code section 18.091(a) and (b) which limits awards for loss of earning capacity, if made, to net loss after federal income tax. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §18.091.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

6. Defendant respectfully demands a jury trial of all issues in this cause pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 216. Defendant hereby tenders the appropriate fee to the clerk of the court.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Hilton Management, LLC, prays that:

- a. Plaintiff take nothings by this suit and Plaintiff be discharged with her costs;
- On final hearing of Plaintiff's claims, the claims against Defendant be dismissed
 with prejudice; and
- c. Defendant recovers all costs, together with such other relief, both general and special, to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on the 1st day of April, 2019 a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent or delivered to all parties through counsel of record pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. Rule 21a.

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CAUSE NO. 2019-11729

JULIET OBIANUJU NWAMEME	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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	§	
V.	§	
	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
HILTON WORLDWIDE INC. D/B/A HILTON	§	
HOTEL POST OAK and D/B/A DOUBLETREE	§	
HOTEL POST OAK	§	80 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANT'S FIRST AMENDED ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE COURT:

Defendant, HILTON MANAGEMENT LLC, files this First Amended Answer to the Plaintiff's First Amended Petition and would respectfully show the Court the following:

GENERAL DENIAL

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant generally denies all allegations contained in the *Plaintiff's First Amended Petition*, and in any amended or supplemental petitions which may be filed by Plaintiff after this date, and respectfully requests that Plaintiff be required to prove her allegations against Defendant by a preponderance of the evidence.
- 2. Defendant respectfully reserves the right to file an amended answer in this cause in the manner authorized by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

RIGHT TO CREDIT/PROPORTIONATE RESPONSIBILITY

3. Answering further, without waiving the foregoing, Defendant asserts entitlement to reduce the amount of damages to be recovered by the claimant to the fullest extent allowed by Chapters 32 and 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and Defendant asserts its right to have each claimant, settling person and responsible third party submitted to the jury to determine percentages of responsibility for those causing or contributing to the damages sought.

DEFENSES TO ECONOMIC DAMAGES

- 4. Answering further, without waiving the foregoing, Defendant asserts all provisions of Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and all of its appropriate subsections which limit the amount of exemplary damages which may be awarded, if claimed, and limits recovery of medical expenses to the amount actually paid by or on behalf of the Plaintiff. Section 41.0105 not only limits the Plaintiff's recovery but also precludes evidence of expenses that neither the Plaintiff nor anyone acting on her behalf paid or are actually liable for paying. *Aaron Glenn Haygood v. Margarita Garza De Escabedo*, Dkt. 09-0377, (Tex. July 1, 2011), *affirming De Escabedo v. Haygood*, 283 S.W.3d 3 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2009).
- 5. Answering further, without waiving the foregoing, Defendant asserts the limitation on recovery set forth in Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code section 18.091(a) and (b) which limits awards for loss of earning capacity, if made, to net loss after federal income tax. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §18.091.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

6. Defendant respectfully demands a jury trial of all issues in this cause pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 216. Defendant hereby tenders the appropriate fee to the clerk of the court.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Hilton Management LLC, prays that:

- a. Plaintiff take nothings by this suit and Plaintiff be discharged with her costs;
- On final hearing of Plaintiff's claims, the claims against Defendant be dismissed
 with prejudice; and
- c. Defendant recovers all costs, together with such other relief, both general and special, to which it may be justly entitled.

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